

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a speaker disposed within the housing for projecting audible signals from the mobile device;
 - and
 - an acoustic port comprising an opening disposed in the housing and configured to project audible sound from the speaker through the opening; and
 - ~~an attachment member spanning~~ a support bar disposed in the opening of said acoustic port, ~~for attaching and configured to span the opening and to receive~~ an external strap that attaches to the mobile device.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Currently Amended) The mobile device of claim ~~2~~ 1 wherein the support bar comprises a rigid material spanning the opening.
4. (Currently Amended) The mobile device of claim ~~2~~ 1 wherein the support bar is spaced from the housing to enable a portion of the external strap to extend between the support bar and the housing.
5. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 4 wherein the support bar is spaced from the housing to enable a spring clip disposed on one end of the external strap to extend between the support bar and the housing.

6. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 1 further comprising an acoustic channel disposed within the mobile device between the speaker and the acoustic port to acoustically connect the speaker to the acoustic port.

7. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the speaker projects high-level voice audio via the acoustic port.

8. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the speaker projects notification signals via the acoustic port.

9. (Original) The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a portable radio, a portable cassette player, a portable CD player, a portable mini-disc player, and a portable MP3 player.

10. (Original) The mobile device of claim 1 further comprising a communication circuit disposed within the housing for transmitting and receiving signals.

11. (Original) The mobile device of claim 10 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a cellular telephone, a personal data assistant, a pager, and a personal communications system.

12. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the acoustic port is disposed in an outer edge of the housing.

13. (Previously Presented) A method of outputting audible signals from a mobile device comprising a housing and a speaker for projecting the audible signals disposed within the housing, the method comprising:

providing a recessed acoustic port in at least a portion of the housing to project acoustic sound from the mobile device, said acoustic port comprising an opening disposed in at least a portion of the housing; and
placing an attachment member in the opening for attaching an external strap to the mobile device.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 wherein placing the attachment member in the opening comprises spanning the attachment member across the opening of the recessed acoustic port and spaced with respect to a back portion of the recessed acoustic port a sufficient amount to enable a portion of the external strap to attach to the attachment member.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 further comprising providing an acoustic channel within the mobile device between the speaker and the ~~combined attachment and~~ acoustic port to direct the audible signals from the speaker to the acoustic port.

16. (Currently Amended) A mobile device comprising:

a housing;

an acoustic port comprising an opening formed at least partially in the housing and including
a surrounding wall structure;

at least one attaching bar configured to receive an external strap that attaches to the mobile device, the attaching bar disposed in the opening and extending across the opening, for connecting to an external strap, wherein the attaching bar is and spaced with respect to the port such that an open area around the attaching bar is of a sufficient size to allow the external strap to be attached around the attaching bar; and

a speaker positioned within the mobile device with respect to the acoustic port for directing sound through the acoustic port and out of the mobile device via the opening.

17. (Original) The mobile device of claim 16 wherein the attaching bar comprises a rigid material.

18. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 16 further comprising an acoustic channel disposed within the mobile device between the speaker and the acoustic port to direct sound through the acoustic port and out of the mobile device.

19. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 16 wherein the speaker directs high-level voice audio out of the mobile device via the acoustic port.

20. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 16 wherein the speaker projects notification signals out of the mobile device via the acoustic port.

21. (Original) The mobile device of claim 16 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a portable radio, a portable cassette player, a portable CD player, a portable mini-disc player, and a portable MP3 player.

22. (Original) The mobile device of claim 16 further comprising a communication circuit disposed within the housing for transmitting and receiving signals.

23. (Original) The mobile device of claim 22 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a cellular telephone, a personal data assistant, a pager, and a personal communications system.

24. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 16 wherein the acoustic port is disposed in an outer edge of the housing.

25. (Previously Presented) A mobile device comprising:

a housing; and

a port comprising an opening disposed at least partially in the housing, said port comprising:

projecting means for projecting audible signals from the mobile device via the opening;

and

attaching means in the opening for attaching an external strap to the mobile device.

26. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 25 wherein the attaching means for attaching the external strap comprises an attachment member disposed in the opening.

27. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 26 wherein the attachment member is spaced within the opening such that an open area defined between the attachment member and the housing is of a sufficient size to attach the external strap to the attachment member.

28. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 25 further comprising channeling means for channeling the audible signals from a speaker disposed within the housing to the port.

29. (Original) The mobile device of claim 25 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a portable radio, a portable cassette player, a portable CD player, a portable mini-disc player, and a portable MP3 player.

30. (Original) The mobile device of claim 25 further comprising transmitting means for transmitting and receiving communication signals.

31. (Original) The mobile device of claim 30 wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a cellular telephone, a personal data assistant, a pager, and a personal communication system.

32. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 1 wherein the attachment member is disposed in the opening such that the attachment member is flush with the housing or disposed below an outer edge of the housing.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 wherein placing the attachment member in the opening comprises placing the attachment member within the opening such that the attachment member is flush with the housing or disposed below an outer edge of the housing.

34. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 16 wherein the attaching bar is disposed in the opening such that the attachment member is flush with the housing or disposed below an outer edge of the housing.

35. (Previously Presented) The mobile device of claim 25 wherein the attaching means is disposed in the opening such that the attaching means is flush with the housing or disposed below an outer edge of the housing.